

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

AT

SUMRALL, MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER 25TH, 26TH (1911

OFFICERS:

I. P. TROTTER, Moderator,	- - - - -	Hattiesburg
A. L. O'BRIANT, Clerk,	- - - - -	Hattiesburg

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Association shall be the LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ART. 3. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

ART. 4. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers, who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only the delegates shall have the right to vote.

ART. 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

ART. 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

ART. 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrine.

ART. 8. The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. 9. The duties of the various officers of the Association shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

ART. 10. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost equal in power and glory.
2. We believe that the scripture of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.
4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God

through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of his church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer or benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches comprising the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which evidence shall be submitted to the Clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second.

5. No member shall be allowed to speak but once on the same subject, except by permission.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when, if it be sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

8. All members shall use the term "Brother," when addressing or speaking of each other; and any one failing to observe this rule subjects himself to a reprimand by the Moderator.

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

SUMRALL BAPTIST CHURCH }
OCTOBER 25th, 1911.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator, I. P. Trotter, in its 17th Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by T. J. Moore, Scripture read—Acts 4: 1-22. Prayer.

W. W. Rivers and H. C. Joyner were appointed reading clerks.

The roll call of the churches showed the following representatives present:

Brooklyn—J. C. Martin, A. G. Salmon.

Big Level—C. C. Breland, J. E. Breland.

Bond—H. C. Joyner, Dr. S. C. Culpepper.

Baxterville—

Corinth—Miss Lillie Morgan.

Eastabuchie—T. J. Moore, J. E. Phillips.

Ellisville—J. F. Parker.

Fairfield—

Hattiesburg (First)—I. P. Trotter, W. M. Conner, A. Polk, W. P. Smith, S. E. Travis, Mrs. A. Polk, Mrs. Trotter, Mrs. W. M. Conner, E. E. Conner.

Hattiesburg (Columbia Street)—E. D. Solomon, N. R. McCullough, M. P. L. Love.

Hattiesburg (Immanuel)—W. W. Rivers, A. L. O'Briant, Mrs. A. L. O'Briant, Mrs. R. D. Batson.

Hattiesburg (Fifth Avenue)—J. D. Caperton.

Heidelberg—

Indian Springs—F. T. Barnett, C. H. Young.

Laurel (First Church)—L. G. Gates, C. M. Leggett, Mrs. Jno. McDuffie.

Laurel (West church)—R. R. Jones, W. F. Hudson, W. W. Allrad, Gardner.

Laurel (Kingston)—C. H. Rowell, W. J. Jackson.

Lumberton—

Moselle—

McLaurin—

New Augusta—

Ovette—

Purvis—J. B. Purvis.

Perkinston—

Petal—A. Odom.

Red Creek Union—F. A. Walker.

Sumrall—C. H. Mize, B. W. Myers, C. T. Lanegan, B. H. Swartz,
Dr. J. M. Clark, J. H. Clark, Grover Parker.

Tuckers Crossing—D. Brooks.

Wiggins—R. P. Clark, Dan Covington, H. C. Joyner, E. W. Bond.

The Association went into the election of officers. On motion rules were suspended and the clerk was instructed to cast the vote for the re-election of I. P. Trotter as Moderator. H. C. Joyner cast the vote for re-election of A. L. O'Briant as Clerk. The Clerk cast the vote for W. M. Conner as Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed on Missions—E. D. Solomon, W. J. Jackson and A. G. Salmon.

On Sunday School—N. R. McCullough, F. T. Barnett, J. E. Phillips.

On Education, H. C. Joyner, W. W. Rivers, J. F. Parker.

Temperance—W. M. Conner, J. B. Purvis, C. M. Legget.

Publications—T. J. Moore, F. A. Walker, A. Polk, D. Brooks.

Woman's Work—R. R. Jones, Ernest Burkett, C. H. Rowell.

Sustentation—L. G. Gates, M. P. L. Love, J. D. Caperton, Wesley Russell.

Orphans' Home—T. J. Hardy, J. S. Stringer, B. H. Schwartz, Dr. S. C. Culpepper.

The hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed at 9 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at 11:45. Meet 1:30 o'clock and adjourn at 3:30. Meet at 7:30 o'clock and adjourn at pleasure.

Motion that 1:30 o'clock be the special order for Missions, also motion that Sunday School follow the report on Missions.

REPORT OF W. M. CONNER AS TREASURER OF THE LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1910.

I beg herewith to submit my annual report as Treasurer as follows:

REPORTS.

For Associational purposes	\$65.00
For State Missions	15.00
For Foreign Missions	7.00
For Orphanage	29.93
For Home Missions	21.60
Total	\$138.53

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DISBURSEMENTS.

To cash paid A. L. O'Bryant for service as Clerk.....	\$25.00
To cash paid A. L. O'Bryant on Minutes.....	30.00
To cash paid A. V. Rowe, Treasurer Convention Board.....	73.55
Total.....	\$138.53

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNER, Treasurer.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted. A subscription of \$10.00 was made to pay on a deficit due the printer.

On motion the deficit in salary to the Vice-President of the W. M. U. be referred to the womans meeting and recommendations be made to this body for action; also provisions be made for the future.

Report on the expense of delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention was made by M. P. L. Love, and he was continued on this committee. A subscription of \$50.00 was made to pay delegates way to convention in May.

Motion that the Associational sermon be preached at 7:30 a. m., by Brother L. G. Gates.

Motion that Publications be the special order after the sermon.

Brother J. M. Salmon of the Lawrence County Association, Brother A. V. Rowe, Secretary of State Missions, Brother F. H. Funderburk of the Woman's College were made welcome by the Association.

Brother Rowe led in prayer for Brother T. J. Bailey.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Brother J. M. Salmon to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 o'clock: Devotional meeting was conducted by W. W. Rivers, reading the 12th chapter of 1st Cor.

Prayer, Song.

Report on Missions was read by E. D. Solomon, spoken to by Solomon, A. V. Rowe, I. P. Trotter, W. M. Conner, L. G. Gates, T. J. Moore and adopted.

Report on Sunday School was read by Brother N. R. McCullough, spoken to by McCullough, C. H. Mize, M. P. L. Love and adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer by L. G. Gates to meet at 7:30 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION

Service opened with song and prayer.

Brother F. H. Funderburk sang a solo.

Brother L. G. Gates asked the congregation to read Leviticus, 21st

chapter. He preached an instructive sermon on "Dwarfs."

Report on Publication was read, being the special order, by T. J. Moore, spoken to by Brother Moore, E. D. Solomon, J. L. Finley, H. C. Joyner and adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer by H. C. Joyner to meet at 9:00 a. m.

Report on Publications

The printing press is perhaps the most active, effective and powerful agency that affects civilization today.

Books, periodicals, pamphlets, posters and circulars flood the country all the way from crowded centers of population clear back to the furthest reach of the rural mail carrier on the very outskirts of the country settlements.

Never before has there been such widespread dissemination of printed matter among the people of all classes.

There are two points to which we must have our untiring efforts directed:

First. We MUST prevent as far as possible the reading of harmful literature.

Second. We MUST secure the reading of helpful literature.

Literary taste is finally going to decide the character of reading matter that will claim the patronage of the people, and like the physical the literary taste is largely a thing of cultivation.

The constant reading of flippant, sensational and corrupt literature will finally so poison one's literary taste as to turn him forever from the refined, pure and wholesome literature. But on the other hand, if the mind and soul can be led to feast on the good and wholesome printed thoughts of the better men and women of our race, ere long so ardent a taste for the GOOD will be formed that the BAD will be spurned as a filthy mess of poisoned pottage.

Some men think that the only possible way to prevent the in-flow of evil through the impure printed matter that now floods us is to so abundantly supplant it by an ample supply of good solid books and periodicals that no room shall be found for the vile.

Of course, first of all the reading of the Bible, the Book of books must be encouraged in every way possible. This encouragement can be given in various ways, some of which we mention:

First. Let each member of the home own their own Bible.

Second. Discuss in the home and in social circles the more prominent Bible characters, incidents and scenes.

Third. Take up the daily readings mapped out by our Sunday School helps.

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Our people need to constantly get the very best, most interesting and wholesome books that come from the press.

Every family should by all means have some such periodicals as the Youth's Companion to come into the home.

Now some things about our denominational literature. The Baptist Record, published at Jackson, Mississippi, as the organ of our State Convention, is indispensable.

No co-operative movements could be furthered without this medium. It ought to be read by every Baptist in Mississippi. It is the only source by which a Mississippi Baptist can be intelligent on the workings of his own people. The paper is neat in form, coming every week, laden with thrilling news, and helpful discussion of lively religious topics. Every reader of our paper should seek to help extend its circulation.

The Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, is not only putting out the very best of helps in the way of quarterlies and periodicals but is now publishing some of the very best books that can be had for the strengthening of our people in our own faith.

The Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is published at Atlanta, Georgia, a monthly magazine of the very highest order that no Baptist should do without.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention is also publishing a monthly that seeks to keep our people thoroughly posted regarding all our Foreign Mission work. It is the duty of all Southern Baptist to take and read these two useful organs of our co-operative mission work. These are called The Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal and can be had for 25 cents each a year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. MOORE,
H. A. WALKER,
H. D. BROOKS.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 o'clock.
Song. Prayer.

Devotional meeting conducted by J. L. Finley. Prayer.

A resolution was read by L. G. Gates on the need of a Colporter in our Association, amended and adopted, then making a subscription of \$600 to pay the expense of the Colporter. The subscription was as follows: Purvis church \$15.00; A. L. O'Briant \$25.00; Columbia Street \$50.00; church at Bond \$25.00; Ellisville \$25.00; West End Laurel \$25.00; Perkinson, \$10.00; Kingston, Laurel \$25.00. Lucedale \$25.00; B. Y. P. U. First Church Laurel \$50.00; Eastabuchie \$10.00; Big Level \$15.00; Fifth Ave. \$10.00; First Church Laurel \$50.00; Baraca West Laurel

\$10.00; Zion Hill \$10.00; Baraca First Laurel \$10.00; Brooklyn \$15.00; Sunday School First Laurel \$10.00; Sumrall \$50.00; Wiggins \$25.00; Red Creek Union \$10.00; Bond \$5.00; Kingston Sunday School \$5.00; Wiggins Sunday School \$10.00; First Church Hattiesburg \$60.00.

A committee was appointed, T. J. Moore, L. G. Gates, S. E. Travis to locate a suitable man as Colporter.

Resolutions on Colportage

Resolved, that this Association at this meeting employ a man for full time to do Colportage work within the bounds of this Association, and that he be paid a salary of \$50.00 per month, and that profits on books and periodicals sold together with all money collected on field be reported and turned into the treasury of the Association. Further that churches be asked to give collections of one Sunday of each month toward this expense. Further that each church regard this as Associational Missions and offering be made at least once a year to this object.

Report on Temperance was read by W. M. Conner spoken to by Bro. Conner, T. J. Moore and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance

In this enlightened and progressive age of the twentieth century, it is needless for one to attempt to add anything of value to the many well written reports on this subject, which have appeared in the various literary and religious journals from time to time. For one in this day and age to disclaim knowledge of the baneful influence of alcoholic drinks is tantamount to a frank admission of ones stupid ignorance. We believe it to be the almost universally accepted theory among well informed people that the intemperate use of alcoholic drinks has wrought more havoc to the human family, than all the wars, famines, and pestilences combined, this idea is so well grounded in the public mind, that the moment you speak of temperance the mind instantly reverts to the drink habit, and in our eagerness to crush this the greatest foe to the human race, we overlook the less important phases of the subject. It is of these that your committee in this report desires to call your special attention at this time.

We are anxious to disabuse the minds of some good people, who hold to the false idea that to be intemperate means only the excessive use of intoxicating drinks. You can be just as intemperate as the most unfortunate drunkard who ever lived, and at the same time you yourself never to have taken a single drop of any kind of liquors. We desire to briefly call your attention to only three of these. First, intemperate in thought. Second, intemperate in word. Third, intemperate in deeds or acts.

David evidently felt the sting of intemperate thoughts when he exclaimed "cleanse thou me from secret sins." We should never permit our minds to dwell on sinful thoughts, lest they rise up in after years to vex us when they have budded, and blossomed into full fruition. It has been said that "as a man thinketh so is he."

Intemperate words are so common with all of us, that it is hardly necessary to mention them. Where is he that can say, that I have never uttered an intemperate word, or where is he who can truthfully say I never have spoken in haste, and repented at leisure? Let it be our aim in life ever to guard our words, always remembering that "the tongue is sharper than a two edged-sword."

Intemperate deeds doubtless are the greatest of all. Who has not heard the expression "tit for tat, you kill my dog I kill your cat." That was doubtless more consonant in the time of Drayco, than in this Christian age, yet to some extent this rule is practiced even unto this day, by some people, which is all wrong. Satan would have you adopt this rule, but Christ says "return good for evil."

Who has not at some time in their experience seen the old church miser, as he sleeps snugly in the "Amen Corner" aroused almost to fury when called upon to give something to the cause of Christ, let that be what it may, work, money, or what-not.

For you to fail, refuse, or neglect to contribute to pastor's salary, and any, and all other calls that are made for church purposes in the way of supporting our various denominational enterprises, constitutes on your part a miserly intemperate act, which is equally as intemperate as the drunkard in the ditch, and not half so deserving. Brethren let us be consistent, and fight not only the awful drink habit, but intemperate thoughts, words, and deeds. With this we close this report, lest it should grow too lengthly for publication.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNER, Chairman

J. B. PURVIS,

C. M. LEGGETT.

A recommendation from the Woman's Mission Union was read by Bro. Gates and adopted. A \$20.00 indebtedness was raised and paid over to the Woman's Mission Union.

Recommendations From the Ladies

To the Brethren of the Lebanon Association:

In response to the request of the Association for advice with regard to the present indebtedness for expenses of Vice-President of W. M. U. we feel that we have no recommendations.

As to future defraying expenses we recommend the following as

adopted by our Association W. M. U. That each union in the Association pledge itself to a specified part of such amount as is deemed necessary by the W. M. U. for defraying expenses of Vice-President for stationery, visiting the Unions, the Associational and State Convention meetings; therefore we request the privilege of electing our Vice-President—a policy in keeping with that of the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. L. O'BRIANT,

MRS. H. C. JOYNER,

Committee.

Report on Orphanage was read by Bro. T. J. Hardy, spoken to by T. J. Hardy, I. P. Trotter and adopted.

Report on Orphanage

There is no subject fostered by the Baptists of Mississippi which has greater claims upon our people than our Orphans' Home at Jackson. And there is no work in which we are engaged, to which our people will more readily respond to, than the support of the Orphans' Home, but in this day of rush and progress in the business world they need to be often reminded of our duty to this God honoring cause. The expense of feeding, clothing, educating and otherwise caring for over two hundred orphans is very large indeed. The cost of living is very high and this must be met each day, therefore our contributions to the orphanage should be liberal and often.

We believe the support of this great charge should be often brought before the churches by the pastors, keeping them informed of the needs of this great work, as well as the great good that is being accomplished for the orphan children of the state.

We believe that each Sunday School in this Association ought to designate one Sunday in each month as Orphans Day and let all the collections of that day go to this cause. Brother Carter, the superintendent, has on his hands one of the noblest works that ever enlisted the heart and sympathies of any one, and so nobly is he shouldering this great responsibility that he deserves the constant co-operation, sympathy and prayers of all of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HARDY,

S. C. CULPEPPER, M. D.

Lucedale and Helena churches applied for membership in the Association and were received on behalf of the Association by the Moderator.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Bro. J. M. Salmon to meet at 1:30

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Song. Devotional meeting was conducted by L. G. Gates. Prayer. Song.

Bro. Thompson, the new pastor for the Baptist church was made welcome, also Bro. J. E. Alford, pastor of the Methodist church.

A motion to grant Red Creek Union Church a letter of dismission was made.

Report on Education was read by H. C. Joyner, spoken to by Joyner, W. W. Rivers, E. D. Solomon, A. L. O'Briant, L. G. Gates; a resolution was offered by M. P. L. Love to amend the report, and then adopted.

Report on Education

We your committee on Education beg to make the following report: Education is as old as man. In the beginning, when the human race was in its infancy, education had its beginning. It is not only endorsed but commanded by God. In Genesis 1:28, God commands Adam and Eve to replenish the earth and subdue it. This process of subduing the earth has, for these thousands of years, been going on with varied success. This process of subduing the earth is the process of education. And thousands of years have come and gone and the climax, or perfection has not yet been reached. New powers and possibilities in nature (the earth) are being continually discovered to us, and it is but yesterday that the atmosphere has been even partially subdued so as to make it support navigation.

This subduing process consists not only of a knowledge of the forces of nature, but a knowledge of self as well. This knowledge is necessary that man may bring his own powers into subjection, so as to use the forces of nature for the greatest good to mankind. This knowledge of self consists of discovering and developing all those powers within that are calculated to promote the general welfare of men. This involves the development of body, mind and soul.

That which first claimed the attention and interest of men was the cultivation and development of the mind. This was eventually taken up by the state and made free to her children. It was not till comparatively recently that the state advanced to the point of taking up the development of the body.

We honor and praise our state for her progress along these lines, but yet we feel that, in this Christian land, she may go a step further and partially develop the spiritual nature of our children, to the extent of reading the Scriptures and singing spiritual hymns in the morning exercises of our public schools.

But it is left to the denominational schools and colleges to completely

educate the pupil; because on account of Denominationalism, the state school cannot enter fully into the development of the spiritual nature, and hence cannot completely educate the pupil.

Then the denominational schools and colleges are a necessity and should be heartily supported by every Christian in the land. The Baptists of Mississippi have and own three schools, Mississippi College, for young men, located at Clinton, and is the pride of every progressive Baptist in Mississippi. Clark Memorial College, at Newton, and is for both boys and girls. She is yet in her infancy, in years, though already mighty in strength. Both of these schools have just enjoyed the most prosperous opening in their history.

Then there is our newly born institution in Hattiesburg, that has just thrown open her doors to the young ladies of South Mississippi, and has a bright out look for the future. We hope for her great prosperity.

There are two schools that are not the property, neither are they under the control of the Denomination, yet they are the property of individuals and hence under Baptist management, and their work speaks in terms of greatest praise for them. These are Blue Mountain College for girls, at Blue Mountain; and Hillman College, at Clinton, also for girls. These two institutions have rendered great service to the Denomination in training young women and sending them out over the state to become leaders in society and religious work.

We, your committee, recommend that this Association heartily endorse these institutions, and that the individual churches and members composing this Association use their best influence in bringing these institutions into the favorable notice of all our young people who ought to go off to school.

We recommend also that we, as individuals, pray for these institutions, their faculties and their boards of trustees in their arduous duties.

We also recommend, to the ministers and all Christian workers of our Association, the Bible institutes conducted at various times and places in our state, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, and also The Woman's Training School at Louisville, Kentucky, as schools for the special training of Christian workers for more efficient service in the Master's vineyard.

We further recommend that our churches be asked to give more consideration to Ministerial Education.

The corresponding Secretary of our Ministerial Board notes that the Board is now \$3,000.00 in debt and it will take \$3,000.00 to pay the running expenses of the Board for the year. Your committee therefore recommends that each church in this Association be asked to make an offering once a year for this purpose.

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Whereas, we the, Lebanon Baptist Association of Mississippi, believe in the Christian Education of our young women, and further believe that our denomination, as a denomination, should own and control a college for this purpose.

Therefore, be it resolved that, we endorse the Mississippi Woman's College of Hattiesburg and congratulate the Baptists of Hattiesburg upon its establishment. That we approve the course of the trustees of the Mississippi Woman's College in deciding to offer the institution to the Baptist State Convention which meets at Gulfport November 21st to 24th—and that we now go on record as favoring the acceptance of this Mississippi Woman's College by the Baptist denomination of the state through their Convention, same to be owned, controlled and operated by them, in accordance with the terms upon which the Baptists of Hattiesburg acquired the property.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. RIVERS,
J. F. PARKER,
H. C. JOYNER.

Chairman of committee for 1912.

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Education	E. D. Solomon
Temperance	S. E. Travis
Sunday Schools	C. H. Leggett
Publications	W. W. Rivers
Woman's Work	J. L. Low
Missions	C. C. Jones
Sustentations	W. H. Thompson
Orphans Home	T. J. Moore

Report of special committee on Colportage work was read and adopted.

Committee on Colportage

Report of special committee to recommend suitable person to be engaged as Associational Colporter as follows:

We find that Rev. A. G. Salmon can be employed at a salary of \$50.00 a month. We believe that he will do excellent work in that line and we heartily recommend that he be engaged to begin work on the first day of December of this year.

T. J. MOORE,
L. G. GATES,
S. E. TRAVIS.

Report on aged ministers' relief was read by L. G. Gates, spoken to by Bro. Gates and adopted.

Sustentation

God in his word has made provision for his servants, and this provision is ample. But his church has not always carried out his plan, consequently some of his servants have suffered.

Usually the preacher is poor when he enters the ministry, and oftentimes the salary is a mere pittance, and when his salary is a living he must use a large per cent of it to make his leadership effective; consequently when his vigor and manhood is spent for others, and his vision and enthusiasm is gone he is left to face a cold world and trust its charities.

We face these facts, and our denominational pride to say nothing of our duty to our fellows and our love for the cause of our Master forces a solution, and the solution is found in Malachi 3:10.

Your committee believes that an endowment fund sufficiently large to care for all our aged ministers should be provided.

J. D. CAPERTON,
J. W. RUSSELL,
M. P. L. LOVE,
L. G. GATES.

Mission Report

There are no bounds to Missions. It is as broad as human needs and as extensive as the mercy of God. God has provided salvation for all men. It is our business to proclaim this gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth. The word of reconciliation has been committed to us. To evangelize the earth is our royal business.

Missions is missions whether at home or abroad. It is one and the same. Missions is evangelizing the lost.

Jesus said "Ye shall be my witnesses back in Jerusalem. all Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." We have associational, state, home and foreign missions. This association as an organization does not do any Mission work within its bounds.

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is work done in the bounds of the State Baptist Convention through its board. This work is strategic, basic and fundamental. This board is the nearest to the people and therefore is in the best condition and position to know the needs of the work. The state Mission Board first of all sees that the gospel is preached in destitute places—helps weak churches to support pastors, build houses of worship and

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cares for the old ministers. The following statistics tell what was done last conventional year:

Days of Actual Service	10,491
Number of Miles Traveled	69,305
Number of Stations	239
Number of Sermons Preached	5,555
Church Prayer Meetings Attended	2,148
Religious Visits Made	10,764
Number of Persons Baptized	1,069
Baptized by Others Where we Labored	940
Received by Letter	1,033
Received to Church Fellowship	24
Number of Churches Organized	6
Sunday Schools	106
Officers, Teachers and Scholars in Same	4,462
Sunday School Addresses Delivered	715
Number of Pages of Tracts Distributed	46,538
Bibles and Testaments Distributed	96
Value of Bibles Sold	\$ 179.00
Value of Books Sold	167.00
Families Without Bibles	15
Money Collected for Personal Service	10,854.00
Money Collected for State Missions	1,986.00
Money Collected for Home Missions	1,166.00
Money Collected for Foreign Missions	1,739.00
Money Collected for Other Purposes	5,179.00
Number of Houses of Worship Commenced	12
Number of Houses of Worship Finished	15
Number of Houses of Worship Improved	34
Amount expended for Houses of Worship	18,319.00

\$22,054.90 was given for State Mission and \$83,316.26 to all objects fostered by our boards. We need \$31,000.00 to go to the convention at Gulfport out of debt. We urge all the churches who have not sent in their State Mission money to do so immediately.

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission board has headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. B. D. Gray is Secretary. The field is composed of all the Southern states, Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama.

Home Missions is the co-operation of States to elicit, direct and combine our forces for the advancement of the Master's kingdom. We must save America to save the world. "The missionary enterprise abroad is the projection of the church at home."

The Home Mission Board does work in destitute cities, among the foreigners, the negroes, the frontiers, and the mountain districts. The department of evangelism is growing more and more in favor, power and influence. The convention at Jacksonville asked the churches to raise \$400,000.00 this year. This is inadequate to meet the enormous needs—our state gave \$29,827.15 last year and are asked to give \$30,000.00 this year. Surely we can do this.

The following resolution was adopted in Jacksonville: "We recommend that steps be taken at once to abandon the long tried high pressure annual collections for Home Missions. Forty six years of trial have proven it a failure as a means for securing adequate funds with which to do any of God's work."

"We further recommend that the Board give its full support, moral and practical, to systematic, proportionate giving among all of the churches. This is the plan given us in the word of God."

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Va., R. J. Willingham, Secretary. The work of this Board is to evangelize the world beyond our borders. We have missionaries in six mission fields, 3 Papal, Italy, Mexico and South America; 3 Pagan, China, Japan and Africa. We have on all these fields 21,343 members, 273 missionaries, 531 native helpers. This Board raised last year \$572,113.77 and are asked to raise \$600,000 this year—of this Mississippi gave last year \$37,575.59 and our apportionment this year is \$38,000.00.

Surely this is not too much. We owe it to our Master and a lost world, to raise this amount.

We your committee recommend that constant prayer be made for all missionaries and mission workers. Second that we heartily co-operate with the Foreign Mission Board in their present plan in soliciting shares in the world wide Mission Company.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. J. JACKSON,
A. G. SALMONS,
E. D. SOLOMON.

Sunday School

Your committee on Sunday Schools realize the difficulty in reporting on a subject so often reported on, a subject so old yet so new. The work during the past year has been fair yet far from what it should be.

We would, if possible, change the name of Sunday School and substitute therefor the Bible School on Sunday. Some one recently said that the Bible in the hands of a consecrated and trained teacher is the

greatest power for good a community can enjoy. We would urge on pastors and superintendents to encourage Bible study in our Sunday Schools. We believe, yea we know, that numbers of our adults in the Lebanon Association are absenting themselves from Sunday School because of their ignorance of the Bible.

AB The increase in Bible study must be brought about by the joint efforts of pastor, superintendent and teacher. The pastor reaches the superintendent and teacher by means of a teachers' meeting. Here is where the untrained teacher should get the training that fits and qualifies him to teach a class. We would urge a teachers' meeting each week conducted by the pastor who has given diligent study and research to the lesson in hand. By personal application and preparation only can a pastor reach and hold his teachers.

We believe it possible, yea we know it is possible, for every church in the Lebanon Association to have an A-1 Sunday School. To accomplish this, seventy-five per cent of the entire church membership must be enrolled in Sunday School and seventy-five per cent of this number must be regular in attendance. If pastors, superintendents and teachers will work at their respective jobs, A-1 Sunday School can and will be had in every church in the Association.

The question of trained teachers must again be referred to. The teacher can not be a trained teacher till he has taken a teachers training course. Here, again, we would place responsibility where it rightfully belongs—on pastors and superintendents. They are responsible for failure or success as the case may be. Your committee endorse and commend the work of the South Mississippi Sunday School Convention which met at Laurel in July, and would urge all Schools in the Association to send delegates to the next and subsequent meetings of this body.

We believe the greatest fields of endeavor now open for Sunday School work is the rural districts of our Association. Our State Secretary, J. E. Byrd, is doing a good work, but his territory is too large for one little man. We would recommend that each Sunday School furnish a worker who will give his time and talents to rural work, just as laymen are giving their time to missionary work throughout the country. Some Sunday Schools in the Association are financially able not only to furnish a man or woman for this work and pay all expenses but also can provide literature and quarterlies for communities where no schools now exist.

N. R. McCULLOUGH,

F. T. BARNETT,

J. E. PHILLIPS,

Committee.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. R. R. Jones, spoken to by Bro. Jones, E. D. Solomon and adopted.

Woman's Work

There is only one person in the whole history of human endeavor of whom it can be said, that the limit of human power has been reached in the effort to serve the Master. That servant was a woman.

One who knew said: "She hath done what she could." Whether this high praise could be truthfully given to other women we cannot tell, but we do know that the reported work of the Woman's Missionary Union calls for the profoundest gratitude of all our churches and the highest commendation of this Association.

Almost a generation has passed since the organization of this most helpful agency, and their work has gone forward with uninterrupted success. They have taught the value of organization. They have shown, as our men have not done, the value of combined effort. They have shown the power of small gifts by increasing their number. Their gifts to Home Missions have constituted about one-fourth of our receipts and the influence of their regular systematic methods has been felt in all the work of our denomination.

To those who have regarded the Union as a mere money-raising agency, the vast power being exercised by these women as the spiritual life of southern womanhood, will come as a distinct and happy surprise.

They are directing not only the Missionary efforts of their own members, but in a most powerful way are influencing the religious education and activities of thousands of our young women and boys and girls. The Union is doing a vast and ever-increasing amount of cultured work throughout its various local and general meetings, its addresses, tracts, personal letters, interviews, well wrought-out programmes, and other means that give promise of solid results.

These good women are helping in a most effective way to solve the problem of how to secure the co-operation of the many thousands who can be expected to give only small sums to its work, and these sums in the aggregate formed the enormous total of one quarter of a million dollars during the last year. For instance, these sums, from the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May 1910 to the meeting of the Convention in May 1911, reached the amount \$127,900.47 for Foreign Missions, \$83,850.14; for Home Missions, \$1,219.38; for the Sunday School Boards work, \$1,389.41; for the Margaret Home, \$2,963; for the Training School, besides \$5,907.95 for the enlargement and endowment of that institution.

The amount raised for scholarships reached \$3,277.47 and none of these figures include boxes for missionaries, which are valued at \$18,000. These facts, as significant as they are, do but represent the surface of

the work, the real significance of which cannot be known this side of heaven. We have been staggered by a debt of \$90,000 as our Foreign Mission Board.

But for those tireless workers that debt would have assumed the hopeless proportion of nearly \$218,000 granting the same amount work being done on the foreign field. We have congratulated ourselves on the freedom of the Home Board from debt, yet a debt of nearly \$85,000 would be calling for retrenchment if the Woman's Union had not extended its helping hands. "Help these women," said the great apostle to the Gentiles, but it has come to pass in these latter days that the women are helping "these men."

Your committee calls special attention to the work of the Training School in Louisville, Ky. The need of training workers in every department of church work is more keenly felt with every passing day. This school is seeking to meet that need, not only by training young women for work in the foreign lands but for the home land as well, and here we find intelligent missionaries, for town and city and farm, pastors' assistants, Sunday School workers and consecrated souls trained or to be trained for any good work to which a woman may properly turn her hand in uplifting a fallen race.

R. R. JONES,
C. H. ROWELL,
E. E. BURKETT,
F. A. WALKER.

Report on Nominations was made.

Committee on Nominations

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following: That the next session of this Association be held with Big Level Baptist Church, beginning on Wednesday following the fourth Sunday in October, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m. and that Bro. W. H. Thompson preach the Association sermon, and Bro. E. D. Solomon alternate,

We recommend as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. H. C. Joyner and Bro. A. G. Simons alternate.

We commend as an Executive Committee Brethren M. P. L. Love, W. M. Conner, E. D. Solomon, T. J. Moore, A. Polk, S. E. Travis.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. M. LEGGETT,
C. C. BRELAND,
B. M. MYERS,
T. J. MOORE.

Resolution of thanks was read:

Resolve, that we extend thanks to the pastor, church and people of

Sumrall for their splendid entertainment and many courtesies to this Association.

Resolved further that we thanked the Merator, Clerk and other officers of the Association for their official services.

Motion to allow the Clerk his fee; also instructions to print 600 copies or more of minutes and call on the Treasurer for the cost of the work.

On motion, the Association adjourned with prayer to meet with Big Level church on Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in October

Ordained Ministers

J. W. Day—Big Level.
A. G. Sammons—Brooklyn.
T. J. Moore—Eastabuchie.
J. E. Phillips—Eastabuchie.
J. L. Low—Ellisville.
M. O. Patterson—Ellisville.
J. D. Jameson—Ellisville.
W. J. Parker—Ellisville.
I. P. Trotter—Hattiesburg First Church.
D. C. Rawls—Hattiesburg First Church.
E. D. Solomon—Hattiesburg, Columbia Street.
R. M. Perry—Hattiesburg, Columbia Street.
W. S. Temple—Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave.
A. L. O'Briant—Hattiesburg, Immanuel.
L. G. Gates—Laurel First.
T. E. Waldrup—Laurel First.
R. R. Jones—Laurel, West.
E. M. Laird—Laurel, West.
D. V. Riley—Laurel, Kingston.
E. W. Spencer—Lumbereon.
G. W. Burge—Lumberton.
C. C. Jones—Lucedale.
W. J. Petters—Lucedale.
A. M. Sheppard—New Augusta.
R. N. Davis—Perkinston.
Tira Cooley—Heidelberg.
C. H. Mize—Sumrall.
H. C. Joyner—Wiggins.

Licensed Ministers

Gaines Dobbins—Hattiesburg First Church.
D. E. Martin—Laurel West.

R. L. Edwards—Laurel West.
W. D. Martin—Laurel, Kingston.
C. H. Autry—Ovett.
R. F. Jenkins—Ovett.
W. H. Rea—Wiggins.

Our Dead

W. B. Leeke—Baxterville.
Vermelle Miles—Big Level.
Susan Patrick—Corinth.
Irene Davis—Eastabuchie.
Ellis Caraway—Eastabuchie.
Mrs. W. A. Freeman—Ellisville.
Mrs. Annie Page—Ellisville.
Mrs. Fannie Stringer—Ellisville.
Milton Ward, Jr.—Ellisville.
Mrs. Sallie Beatty—Hattiesburg First Church.
Mrs. Nora Welch—Hattiesburg First Church.
Fannie Askew—Hattiesburg First Church.
Mrs. E. Bruce—Hattiesburg First Church.
Mary Dozier—Hattiesburg First Church.
J. W. Stewart—Hattiesburg, Columbia Street.
Mrs. H. Y. Bryan—Hattiesburg, Columbia Street.
Mrs. Eliza Arledge—Hattiesburg, Immanuel.
Johnny McCardle—Indian Springs.
Arilla Williams—Indian Springs.
Mrs. I. A. Scarboro—Laurel First Church.
C. F. Hill—Laurel, West.
Thomas Tillman—Laurel, West.
Mrs. Sallie Slaughter—Laurel, West.
Rufus Hollinsworth—Laurel, West.
E. B. Robins—Laurel, West.
Mrs. Mollie Hill—Laurel, Kingston.
Rev. D. V. Riley—Laurel, Kingston.
Mrs. N. I. Tanner—Lucedale.
T. L. Wells—New Augusta.
Mrs. Clara Davis—New Augusta.
Mrs. D. W. Price—Perkinston.
T. M. Purvis—Purvis.
A. M. Avery—Purvis.
Mrs. Sarah Ann Rayborn—Purvis.
Mrs. Draughn—Petal.
Mrs. Pace—Petal.
Joseph Flurry—Red Creek Union.
Ferda Pippin—Shady Grove.
Mary Cooley—Shady Grove.
David Thatch—Shady Grove.
Eliza Thatch—Shady Grove.
W. A. Lightsey—Tucker's Crossing.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

SUMRALL, MISS., OCT. 26, 1911.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Lebanon Association was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Jarvis at 9:30 a. m.

Hymn, "Let Jesus Come into your Heart."

Lord's prayer in concert.

Words of welcome by Mrs. B. M. Myers, of Sumrall, were followed by response by Mrs. L. E. Hall, Jr., of Laurel.

Song, "Work for the Night is Coming."

The Vice-President appointed the following committees:

Advisory—Mrs. A. L. O'Bryant, Mrs. H. C. Joyner.

Obituaries—Mrs. M. L. Thompson, Mrs. W. M. Conner, Mrs. R. D. Batson.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. A. Beard, Mrs. Joe Seeger, and made special request that the Advisory Committee report just after devotions.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. O'Bryant.

Prayer, Mrs. M. L. Thompson.

Report of Advisory committee read by Mrs. O'Bryant. Spoken to by Mrs. O'Bryant, Mrs. Stapleton and Mrs. Trotter.

Report adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Beard, the clause in report bearing on the Vice-President was referred to the men in session and the request in the clause was granted.

Apportionment Committee was appointed—Mrs. Stapleton, Mrs. McCasky.

Reports from the societies read.

Practical points suggested by Miss Heck's, Jacksonville.

Address—Mrs. I. P. Trotter.

Mrs. Batson was recognized in the meeting as one woman who had attended her mission society weekly for the last four years, six months without missing a meeting.

Mrs. Alford, wife of the Methodist pastor, and Mrs. Allen, President of the Methodist Home Mission Society were recognized in the audience.

Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Prayer, Mrs. Stapleton.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The second session of the Woman's Meeting of the Lebanon Association was called to order at 1:45 p. m.

Song, "There is Power in the Blood."

Scripture reading, Mrs. Mize.

Prayer, Mrs. Joyner.

Historical sketch and special object of Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. B. L. Stapleton.

The devotional, business and social side of a society, Mrs. H. C. Joyner.

Ways and Means of Reaching or Apportionments, Mrs. Ida C. Polk.

How to Organize and Conduct a Young Woman's Auxilliary Sunbeam and Royal Ambassadors, Miss Addie Campbell.

Mrs. E. W. Spencer was on program to discuss the Training School and was prevented from coming on account of ill health and the Vice-President asked that special prayer be made for her restoration, led by Mrs. Trotter.

Our Training School, Mrs. Jno. McDuffie.

The following reports were then read:

Report on Resolutions read by Mrs. Beard.

Report on Obituaries read by Mrs. Thompson.

Report on Apportionment Committee made by Mrs. Stapleton.

A motion made by Mrs. McDuffie to have Mrs. Stapleton's Historical Sketch of the Woman's Missionary Union printed in the minutes, was carried.

In keeping with the resolutions made by the Advisory Committee and adopted by the body, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. J. B. Jarvis of Laurel, Vice-President.

Mrs. M. L. Thompson, 607 Southern Avenue, Hattiesburg, Secretary and Treasurer.

Vocal solo, Miss Alpha Lee Eaton.

Doxology.

Closing prayer, Mrs. M. L. Thompson.

Purvis Church

Foreign Missions	\$ 6.00
Home Missions	5.25
State Missions	5.00
Poor	5.00
Home Uses	3.40
Orphanage Box	21.00
Total	\$ 45.65

Ellisville Church

Foreign Missions	\$ 30.00
State Missions	22.50
Home Missions	22.50
Orphanage Box	101.50
Expense of sending one child to Orphans Home	18.00

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Helping the poor.....	16.00
Home Uses.....	330.80
Student's Fund.....	5.00
Woman's Work.....	2.50
Southern Baptist Seminary Endowment Fund.....	15.00
Bible Fund.....	5.00
Total.....	\$ 568.80

Eastabuchie Church

Home Uses.....	\$ 102.00
Visiting Ministers.....	5.00
Foreign Missions.....	2.50
Home Missions.....	2.50
State Missions.....	8.40
Total.....	\$ 120.40

Sumrall

Building and Repairing.....	\$ 100.00
State Missions.....	25.00
Orphanage.....	34.85
Home Missions.....	15.00
Home Uses.....	12.85
Poor.....	2.90
Ministerial Education.....	2.00
Total.....	\$ 192.60

Lumberton

Seminary.....	\$ 10.00
Sustentation.....	6.00
Christmas Offering.....	6.00
Frontier Work.....	6.00
Home Work.....	9.00
Foreign Missions.....	10.00
Home Missions.....	5.00
Clarke Memorial.....	5.00
Baptist Hospital.....	5.00
Total.....	\$ 62.00

Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 13.20
Christmas Offering.....	3.00
Home Missions.....	9.85
State Missions.....	7.00

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Home Uses	55.20
Training School Endowment	1.00
Training School Support	1.00
Student	1.00
Bible Fund	1.00
Mississippi Woman's College	20.00
Sustentation	2.00
Orphanage	8.75
Poor	11.00
Total	\$ 134.00

First Church, Hattiesburg

Foreign Missions	\$ 100.00
Mississippi College	20.00
Seminary	40.00
Sustentation	1.00
Home Missions	199.80
Home work	71.85
Total	\$ 431.65

Fifth Avenue, Hattiesburg

Foreign Missions	\$ 10.00
Home Missions	20.00
Home Uses	120.30
Orphanage	80.00
Total	\$ 230.30

West Laurel Church

Home Uses	\$ 21.77
Visiting Ministers	5.00
Ministerial Relief	2.50
The Poor	27.70
Jessie Gates Hospital	7.00
Orphanage	78.50
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	40.00
Foreign Missions	12.05
State Missions	18.00
Total	\$ 212.52

Kingston Church, Laurel

Foreign Missions	\$ 5.00
State Missions	10.00

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Home Missions	56.60
Orphanage	18.00
Building and Repairs	5.00
Total	\$ 94.60

First Church, Laurel

Foreign Missions	\$ 117.50
Home Missions	110.55
State Missions	100.00
Home Uses	879.55
Orphanage	185.00
Christmas offering	7.40
Sustentation Fund	15.00
Bible Fund	5.00
Seminary	75.00
Training School Support	5.00
Total	\$ 1500.00

Y. W. A. First Church

Foreign Mission	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 25.00

Sunbeam First Church, Laurel

Home Missions	\$ 9.00
Margaret Home	1.00
Home Uses	5.00
Foreign Missions	23.00
Total	\$ 38.00

Fairfield Church

Pastor's Salary	\$ 4.00
Building and Repairing	2.75
Poor	8.75
Total	\$ 15.50

Bond Church

Building and Repairing	\$ 63.40
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Brooklyn Church

Incidentals	\$ 2.90
Visiting Ministers	5.90
State Missions	3.00

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Home Missions	8.30
Foreign Missions	3.00
Sunday School and Colportage	18.50
Orphanage	15.00
Ministerial Education	8.90
Total	\$ 64.60

Wiggins Church

Building and Repairs	\$ 50.00
Incidentals	20.00
Poor	5.00
State Missions	4.50
Home Missions	2.00
Foreign Missions	4.00
Christmas Offering	9.00
Ministerial Relief	4.35
Total	\$ 94.85

Columbia Street, Hannibalburg

Foreign Missions	\$ 20.00
Christmas Offering	9.00
Home Missions	31.70
State Missions	20.00
Home Uses	21.03
Training School Support	10.00
Margaret Home	2.50
Sustentation	1.50
Orphanage	116.12
Frontier	81.63
Church and Building Fund	200.00
Total	\$ 513.48

Report on Advisory Committee

In compliance with the policy mapped out by the Woman's Mission Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention and adopted by the Mississippi State Central Committee we your Committee offer the following recommendations:

First. Adoption by the Unions of the Standard of Excellence which affords a gauge of points necessary to a well developed union.

Educational Aims

Second. Realizing that the work with the children is the most important work of the women and should come first, we would recommend

that every Woman's Mission Union elect some one from the Union whose duty it shall be:

(a) To organize a Children's Missionary Society—Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors, also the more advanced young people in the same kind of a missionary circle, whose leader shall do all in her power to promote growth and strength in Bible study, prayer and personal work.

(b) To enlist the Sunday School teachers and create an atmosphere of missionary enterprise among the young people of the church.

(c) To urge attendance at Missionary Institutes, Associations and State Conventions.

(d) To insist upon the study of our own literature and periodicals, viz:

Foreign Mission Journal.

The Home Field.

Our Mission Fields.

The Baptist Record.

The Orphanage Gem.

(e) To encourage the observance of the monthly missionary program supplemented so as to meet the needs of any special Union.

Moneyed Aims

Third. (a) The plan of a definite aim for all work, assigning some special work to a certain quarter or month, these aims to correspond with those of the church, as nearly as possible.

(b) The support of all objects fostered by the State Convention.

(c) That the tithing system be encouraged and developed in all our giving by discussion at associational and society meetings and taking it up individually.

(d) That each Union in the Association pledge itself to a specified part of such an amount as is deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the Vice-President, for stationery, visiting the Unions, the Associational and convention meetings.

Fourth. That each member of each Union be urged to rely upon personal service in this great work, giving herself to prayer and reading of His word.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. L. O'BRYANT,

MRS. H. C. JOYNER.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Resolved that our unbounded thanks and heart-felt appreciation be extended to the Womans Mission Union at Sumrall, our hostess, for the gracious hospitality, the thoughtful kindness in all the arrangements for

our comfort and entertainment, and the untiring courtesy and constant attention which has been extended to us on every side. To Mrs. Meyes for the beautiful welcome, to the little girl Lucy Nash O'Bryant who gave out programs, to the Methodist people for the use of their church, for the music and to every one who helped in any way toward the success of the meeting.

Second. We devoutly voice our gratitude to God for the manifold blessings He has vouchsafed to us as individuals and for the success that has crowned the work of our association during the year now ending and we humbly invoke His continued aid and guidance as we approach the coming year with faith, hope and courage abundantly strengthened.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. A. BEARD,

MRS. JOE SEIGER,

Committee.

Brief Sketch of Mississippi W. M. U. History

Read before the Woman's Meeting at Sumrall, by Mrs. R. B. Stapleton.

In looking into the history of our Woman's Mission Union and noting its feeble beginning and its growth we are forced to marvel over the fact of how trifles signify themselves, and become powers in the world.

As far back as 1837 a Ladies' Society was organized at Brandon in this state. For three successive years the Brandon Female Missionary Society sent to the State Convention a delegate who was not a woman, but the Rev. T. S. N. King.

In 1838 another Society was organized in the State at Columbus. It is with pleasure that we note that this Society is in existence today, having lived through the vicissitudes of war and peace, and is known as the Annie Armstrong Society.

In 1848 a Society was organized in Jackson which has done most efficient work for the cause. Before the war a Society was organized in Central Female Institute, now Hillman College, Clinton, which did excellent work in various directions, especially during the war when there was much of suffering that needed to be relieved. Other Societies sprang into existence during and after the war, in some instances being the beginnings of churches in the town and community. Both Vicksburg and Greenville owe much to the work and determination of the women who labored in these places. Before 1878 there were as many as eleven Societies over the State.

The Southern Baptist Convention which met in Nashville in 1878 empowered Dr. Tupper, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board to appoint, for every Southern State, a committee of ladies whose special

work should be the awakening in the hearts of their Christian sisters zeal for the salvation of the heathen. In our state, Mrs. J. L. Johnson and Mrs. A. J. Quinche, both at that time living in Oxford, were appointed President and Secretary of the committee and were allowed the privilege of selecting seven other members. A circular letter was sent out by the committee, setting forth the nature of the work proposed and urging the organization of a Missionary Society in every church. The first report from this committee was submitted in 1879 containing the names of only fifteen Societies, though there were doubtless many more in the state.

In 1879 our State Convention was held at Grenada, and there the ladies held their first meeting, and have ever since kept up the custom during the annual sessions of the State Convention. From 1870-79, 1880 the number of Societies on the secretary's roll reached 100, and several earnest missionary workers came to the front.

In 1885 the Southern Baptist Convention gave up the control of Womans Work to the State Board, and about the same time our Mississippi Convention determined to carry on all its mission work through one agency termed a Convention Board. During this same year the Central Committee set on foot the plan of committing the work of each Association to some Baptist woman, known as the Associational Vice-President. It may be well to note that this same year two Mississippi women became Foreign Missionaries: Mrs. Justa Green, who as Mrs. Davis went to Africa, and Miss Emma Fox who as Mrs. Puthuff went to Brazil.

Mesdames Johnson and Quinche resigned their positions in 1886, and Miss Marion Buckley, now Mrs. Longino, and Mrs. M. C. Dameron both of Jackson were elected President and Secretary respectively. The following year Mrs. Longino resigned and Mrs. Adelia Hillman was elected President. Under her wise leadership woman's work went forward with rapid strides. Up to this time there was no general organization of woman's work for all the States. But in 1888 at Richmond, Va., during the session of the Southern Baptist Convention a general organization was affected.

It would be most interesting to note each change and note also the marvelous growth of our body; but time forbids this rehearsal. We have brought much from the past; and today we stand equipped and strengthened by that past for achievements yet undreamed of. A united body of christian women working for the salvation of souls and for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

"With such a past, to continue to advance as we have done by slow degree is but to EXIST. To draw ourselves to our FULL height, to breathe in the pure air of the purposes of God, to face our task with high looks and dauntless hearts is to LIVE, to SURMOUNT. Shall we exist or shall we live?"

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LEBANON ASSOCIATION

Date	Place	Moderator	Clerk and Treasurer	Membership	Total Contribution
November 1894	Hattiesburg	O D Bowen	C G Elliott	1131	\$
September 1895	Poplarville	"	"	1783	5,675.15
September 1896	Ellisville	"	"	1556	3,112.78
December 1897	Purvis	"	"	1421	5,360.15
September 1898	Shady Grove	"	"	1624	6,345.89
September 1899	Eastabuchie	"	"	1746	7,085.75
August 1900	Hattiesburg	"	"	1841	10,689.95
August 1901	Lumberton	"	"	1909	18,473.82
September 1902	Laurel	"	"	2575	28,853.31
September 1903	McHenry	"	B O Fox	2761	17,112.90
November 1904	Ellisville	"	W K Red	3241	28,870.32
November 1905	Hattiesburg	I P Trotter	"	3507	22,237.17
	Columbia St.		"	3803	31,407.60
November 1906	Wiggins	"	A L O'Briant	4150	33,921.87
November 1907	Poplarville	"			
October 1908	Hattiesburg	"	"	4638	31,679.96
	Immanuel	"	"	4357	39,696.35
October 1909	Laurel W. End	"	"	4845	41,801.37
October 1910	Hattiesburg 1st	"	"		
October 1911	Sumrall	"	"	4902	

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STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	PASTORS	POST OFFICES	Additions by			Lost by			Total Membership	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastor's Home
					Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion and Erasure	Death			
Baxtersville	A. O. Courtney	Baxtersville	R. N. Davis	Perkinston	2	6			3	1	44	\$ 600	
Big Level	J. E. Breland	Rosalie	H. C. Joyner	Wiggins	9	5			7	1	93	1000	
Bond	J. R. Davis	Bond	H. C. Joyner	Wiggins	15	12			2	43	119	1000	
Brooklyn	J. C. Martin	Brooklyn	A. G. Sannons	Brooklyn	4	1			16		97	500	
Corinth	Ira Morgan	Heidelberg	T. J. Waldrup	Laurin	10	5	3			1	154	1000	\$ 1600
Eastabuchie	M. F. Caraway	Eastabuchie	T. J. Moore	Eastabuchie	7	16				2	228	3000	2500
Ellisville	J. B. Gough	Ellisville	J. L. Law	Ellisville		16				4	66		
Fairfield	J. C. Watkins	Sanford	A. A. Bryant	Sanford		8					683	35000	5000
Hattiesburg, First	E. N. Pack	Hattiesburg	I. P. Trotter	Hattiesburg	24	66	9		83	10	472	7500	
Columbia St.	J. W. Montague	Hattiesburg	E. D. Solomon	Hattiesburg	33	41			4	2	68	5000	
Fifth Avenue	J. M. Smith	Hattiesburg	A. L. O'Brian	Hattiesburg	5	14			1	1	73	7000	
Immanuel	E. E. Burkett	Hattiesburg	A. L. O'Brian	Hattiesburg		12					74	800	
Heidelberg	H. M. Satcher	Heidelberg	C. J. Elliott	Stonewall	13	11			15	1	21	45	
Helena	S. Saucier	Helena	A. G. Salmon	Brooklyn	6	15			4		63	500	
Indian Springs	L. M. Williams	Hattiesburg	T. S. Entiron	Purvis	1					2	430	10000	3500
Laurel, First	D. M. Beard	Laurel	L. G. Gates	Laurel	14	45			20	1	553	3000	2500
West	D. A. Scarbrough	Laurel	R. R. Jones	Laurel	4	9	1		4	5	150	3500	
Kingston	E. L. Bush	Laurel	J. L. Law	Ellisville	19	44	2		1	2	181	2500	1500
Lumberton	J. B. Salmond	Lumberton	E. W. Spencer	Lumberton	9	28				1	216	1500	1200
Lucedale	W. J. Lowe	Lucedale	C. C. Jones	Lucedale	8	15					116		
Moselle	W. W. Fairchilds	Moselle	T. T. Moore	Eastabuchie	6	14	1				47	75	
McLaurin	J. W. Estes	McLaurin	A. G. Salmon	Eastabuchie							62	1200	
New Augusta	J. C. McDonald	New Augusta	A. L. Finley	Gulfport		5			3	2	35	400	
Overt	M. L. Taylor	Overt	J. E. Waldrup	McHenry	5	9				1	72	500	
Perkinston	P. Wyatt	Perkinston	J. W. Day	Hattiesburg	6	3			1	2	72	100	
Petal	J. C. Herod	Petal	A. L. O'Brian	Lumberton	3	2			1	3	168	4000	
Purvis	C. E. Thames	Purvis	E. C. Jones	Lucedale	5	2			2	2	86	800	
Red Creek Union	E. E. Flurry	Vestry	A. C. J. Hearn	Pachuta	4	6	2				148	1250	
Sandersville	A. M. Daniel	Sandersville	A. H. Collins	Bonita	2	1				4	59	1000	1500
Shady Grove	T. H. Therten	Vossburg	C. H. Mize	Sumrall	14	36					256	3000	
Sumrall	A. T. Schwartz	Sumrall	L. E. Lightsey	Montrose	3	5			4	1	25	800	
Tucker's Crossing	J. J. Hurst	Laurel	H. C. Joyner	Wiggins	6	10					158	4500	1200
Wiggins	A. W. Bond	Wiggins	J. L. Finley	Gulfport	1	3			15	44	77	1500	
Zion Hill	J. L. Davis	Hattiesburg											
TOTAL					161	437	13	13	13	13	13	13	13

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

B. Y. P. U.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	SECRETARIES	POST OFFICE	Pupils	Teachers	Baptized	Expenses	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES
Baxterville Level	A. O. Courtney	Miss N. Dearman	Baxterville	120	7	15	\$ 20.00		
Brooklyn	Dr. S. C. Culpepper	Ephiey Mason	Bond	90	6	3	22.69		
Orinth	J. C. Martin	W. J. Montgomery	Brooklyn	45	4	10	4.00		
Castabuche	D. McCurdy	Luther McCrory	Sandersville	60	6	4	40.00		
Ellisville	Ed Risher	R. B. Gunn	Eastabuchie	161	9		55.78		
Hatfield	W. J. Pack	W. V. Watters	Ellisville	40	3		12.75		
Battiesburg—1st	S. B. Stringer	J. B. Walker	Seminary	400	18				
" Columbia St.	M. P. L. Love	J. W. Montague	Hattiesburg	290	21	26	126.11		
" Fifth Avenue	P. R. Perkins	R. Evans	Hattiesburg	90	8		58.21	Roscoe Hering	Claude Fall
" Immanuel	I. M. Nash	E. E. Burkett	Hattiesburg	50	6		35.00	J. M. Smith	Carrie Caperton
Heidelberg	G. B. Travis	B. S. Lyon	Heidelberg	59	5	6	9.11	L. B. Ellis	Ida Travis
Helena	S. Saucier	G. W. Morse	Carnes	4c	3	6	11.13		
Indian Springs	C. H. Young	Ollie Bullock	Hattiesburg	30	3	12	100.25	W. H. Leggett	Robt. Steinwinder
Laurel — 1st	G. Montgomery	Jas. Richards	Laurel	200	13		139.61	J. T. Tillman	M. Shoemaker
" West	W. O. Hedgepath	Kathleen Martin	Laurel	450	11		41.25	W. D. Martin	Naomi Galloway
" Kingston	W. D. Martin	Miss F. Hitchcock	Laurel	121	6		35.75		
Numberton	J. B. Salmond	L. M. Lee	Lumberton	125	7			W. J. Hurst	May Slayton
Lucedale	J. C. Stephens	Chas. Weaver	Lucedale	100	8	2	15.00		
Fosselle	J. L. Shows	Hattie Collins	Moselle	105	5				
New Augusta	G. F. Breland	J. C. McDonald	New Augusta						
etkinston									
etal	D. W. Draughn	Miss E. Crawford	Petal	60	3		10.00		
urvis	W. C. Bennett	J. G. Colson	Purvis	109	6	3	5.00		
ur Creek Union	F. A. Walker	Gertrude Carter	Cartersville	76	5		14.01		
anderville	W. W. Bostick	Verne Hardee	Sandersville	30	3	4	15.00		
ady Grove									
umrall	A. F. Schwartz	Miss M. Husband	Sumrall	119	9	3	86.61	Mrs. McCarkey	Vera Peacock
ncker's Crossing	J. J. Hurst	J. W. Tucker	Laurel	48	3		3.50		
viggins	N. W. Bond	N. B. Bond	Wiggins	88	7		43.85	Geo. E. Taylor	Lucile Hatton
ion Hill	W. J. Pack	W. W. Davis	Hattiesburg	35	3				
				3183	191	96	\$904.91		

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES	POST OFFICE	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES
Baxterville					
Big Level					
Bond	Mrs. J. R. Davis	Mrs. J. A. Gregory	Bond		
Brooklyn	Mrs. A. G. Montgomery	Mrs. Lula Shattles	Brooklyn		
Corinth					
Eastabuchie	Mrs. H. H. Overstreet	Mrs. H. R. Roberts	Eastabuchie		
Ellisville	Mrs. W. V. Walters	Mrs. M. W. Hyde	Ellisville		
Fairfield	Mrs. Sarah Tisdale		Moselle		
Hattiesburg—1st	Mrs. R. B. Stapleton	Mrs. A. Polk	Hattiesburg		
" Columbia St.	Mrs. R. F. Barton	Mrs. J. K. Denham	Hattiesburg		
" Fifth Ave.	Mrs. M. L. Thompson	Mrs. J. E. Davis	Hattiesburg		
" Immanuel	Mrs. A. L. O'Brian	Mrs. J. V. Tennent	Hattiesburg		
Heidelberg					
Helena					
Indian Springs					
Laurel—1st	Mrs. John McDuffy	Mrs. Warner Beard	Laurel		
" West	Mrs. J. T. Smallwood	Mrs. J. B. Webb	Laurel		
" Kingston	Mrs. W. R. Norris	Mrs. C. L. Bush	Laurel		
Lumberton	Mrs. E. W. Spencer	Mrs. H. C. Brown	Laurel		
Lucedale	Mrs. A. G. Leggett	Mrs. C. C. Jones	Lucedale		
Moselle					
McLanrin					
New Augusta					
Ovett					
Perkinson					
Petal					
Purvis	Mrs. Grace Crawford	Miss Alma Crawford	Petal		
Red Creek Union	Mrs. M. C. Colson	Mrs. J. B. Gibbs	Purvis		
Sandersville					
Shady Grove					
Sumrall	Mrs. R. E. McCaskey	Mrs. J. M. Clark	Sumrall		
Tucker's Crossing					
Wiggins	Mrs. F. E. Budge	Mrs. H. C. Joy	Wiggins		
Zion Hill					

Red Creek Union			
Sandersville			
Shady Grove			
Sumrall	Mrs. J. M. Clark		Sumrall
Tucker's Crossing			
Wiggins	Mrs. F. E. Budge		Wiggins
Zion Hill			

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CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	City Missions	Assoc. Missions	Home Missions
Baxterville	\$ 90 29			7 55					
Big Level	200 00		15 35	20 26					
Brooklyn	177 85	\$ 17 58		63 50	22 65	9 00			14
Bond	350 00	133 40	12 00	57 00	20 00				26
Corinth	125 00	65 12	1 05	30 00	4 00				13
Eastabuchie	370 00	60 00	25 00	95 00	40 00				27
Ellisville	800 00	910 25	109 20	166 30	55 78	19 60			76
Fairfield	80 00	12 75		30 00	12 75				6
Hattiesburg 1st	2000 00	728 94	920 15	200 00		40 33			442
Columbia St	2100 00	40 00	810 20		126 11	49 65			241
Fifth Ave	400 00	278 00	26 25		58 31	15 00			45
Immanuel	500 00	565 00	30 00		50 00	21 00	4 00		14
Heidelberg	280 00		29 23	70 30	9 31				27
Helena	31 45			17 20	11 13				
Indian Springs	100 00								
Laurel—1st	2100 00	3000 00	1417 18	137 00	100 25	10 00	232 60		225
West	1000 00	7 50	215 27	60 00	139 61	45 35	4 00		
Kingston	600 00	397 21	81 99	64 45	41 25	16 75			6
Lumberton	450 00	51 40	26 30	130 00	55 75				21
Lucedale	600 00			45 00		25 00			
Moselle				60 00	15 00				
McLaurin	50 00			1 50					1
New Augusta	150 00			36 00					
Ovett	150 00								
Perkinston	100 00								
Petal	150 00			38 00					2
Purvis	450 00			4 00	10 00				20
Red Creek Union	200 00		91 20	150 00		5 00			8
Sandersville	200 00			14 75	14 01				
Shady Grove	150 00			31 00	15 00				
Sumrall	1000 00	1190 95	54 60	16 00				2 50	7
Tucker's Crossing	65 00		20 25		86 61	82 96			171
Wiggins	540 00	1842 34	100 00	9 00	3 05				2
Zion Hill	250 00			60 50	43 85	30 00			23
				25 30		6 85			
TOTAL	13959 57	7169 94	3983 92	1569 05	815 95	406 60	240 60	2 50	1429

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2

City	Missions	Assoc. Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	S. S. and Colportage	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Evangelism	Minutes and Clerk	Total
				11 12					7 00			3 00	100 19
			14 30	9 00		31 00	15 00		8 90			3 50	263 97
			26 72	33 76								3 00	386 06
			13 10	13 10			4 00	5 00		4 80		3 00	682 88
			27 50	30 50	50 20		101 50	25 00				2 50	277 17
			76 20	72 25	228 20		62 26	15 00	21 00			3 00	810 80
			6 00	3 60			9 00						2689 27
			442 48	1000 00			63 43	110 00	50 50	1 00		3 00	169 20
			241 10	200 00			271 67	52 50	114 50	1 50		10 00	5939 95
			45 00	10 00	120 00		80 00					3 50	4213 31
4 00			14 82	21 20	55 20		21 25	245 00		2 00		2 50	1082 00
			27 40	28 70	75		18 62		10 05	15 60		2 00	1797 50
					31 90							2 85	501 51
												1 25	91 68
												3 00	115 00
2 60			225 85	299 45	1765 50		214 60	75 00	75 00	25 80		5 00	9839 27
4 00				71 00	63 75		78 50	90 00	24 00	18 22		4 00	1896 20
			6 25	27 00	26 00		26 35					2 50	1330 86
			21 00	36 00	8 00		72 00		15 00	6 00		3 00	852 30
				16 65								3 05	786 65
												2 00	75 00
			1 65									1 25	60 60
												3 50	208 50
												2 50	148 30
			2 66	2 66								1 50	172 00
			20 80	28 60	3 40		39 00						796 11
			8 50	4 50			12 00					2 00	298 70
				1 35									248 70
2 50			7 50	16 00			8 60					2 50	211 50
			171 45	81 50	12 85		99 85		70 00	10 66		10 00	3060 70
			2 55	3 05								30	109 05
			23 80	32 16	20 00		20 75					3 00	2789 06
							6 00					2 50	303 90
0 60	2 50	1429 60	2033 20	2385 37	31 00	1214 38	617 50	395 15	84 78			88 75	42697 08

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